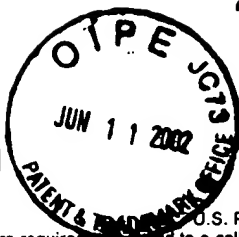


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Filing Date	January 6, 2001
First Named Inventor	Robert E. Evans
Group Art Unit	2162
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	EngineeringMatrix 702

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Signature

Robert Moll

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/756,311, entitled:
Method and System for Characterization and Matching of Attributes and
Requirements
Inventor: Robert E. Evans
Reference No. EngineeringMatrix 702

Dear Gil,

Pursuant to my enclosed engagement letter of September 15, 2000, this is my written notification that I am withdrawing from representing EngineeringMatrix on the above application. This is the only open matter for which I am representing EngineeringMatrix, but if you believe there are others please send an email to the above address.

I have not heard anything from you or the others so have concluded that you have decided to not proceed further with the application. If you do plan to go forward, please promptly engage a patent lawyer.

Finally, you still owe my firm \$1,485 for work performed for you more than 120 days ago. This balance needs to be paid promptly. Make the check payable to: Robert Moll.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments regarding the above matters.

Sincerely,

Robert Moll

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Engagement letter - Preparation of U.S. Patent Application, entitled:
Method and System for Classification and Matching Sets of Attributes
Ref. No. EngineeringMatrix 702

Dear Michael,

This letter responds to your request that I represent EngineeringMatrix in preparing an U.S. patent application as described in Robert E. Evan's invention disclosure statement that you sent by fax today. Although it is not required for corporations, California law encourages that we agree in writing on the services to be performed, the compensation arrangements and the related matters. This letter will confirm the terms on which I will perform the above service for EngineeringMatrix.

1. Scope of Services

You have retained me to prepare and prosecute a U.S. patent application on the above subject matter. I do not know whether the U.S. Patent Office will find it patentable, and I have not done a patentability search. I recommend that we do a supplemental patentability search with my assistance or hire my Washington DC searcher for \$700-\$1000 before deciding to file the patent application. If you decide to engage the Washington D.C. searcher, there is typically 2-3 weeks of delay awaiting the search. To proceed without delay, you are entitled to rely upon your own search and awareness of the prior technology and opinion that the invention warrants the filing of an application. If you choose this option, I recommend that I review the references listed on page 2 of the invention disclosure statement. During the course of any work, I will inform you of progress and I will respond to your inquiries. Also, I will consult with you before taking any significant steps relating to this matter.

2. Present Matters

It my understanding that you have not disclosed, marketed, or commercially used the invention. This is crucial because there is a time limit for filing applications in the United States and abroad. In the United States, any patent application MUST be filed no later than one year after the invention is first offered for sale or publicly used in the United States or described in a printed publication anywhere in the world. In gen ral, foreign

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patent applications MUST be filed within one year from the first filed application or before the invention is first offered for sale or publicly used or described in a printed publication anywhere in the world.

Accordingly, if the first use or marketing of your invention in the United States or publication of your invention anywhere in the world occurred on October 1, 1999, for example, the United States patent application must be filed no later than October 1, 2000.

In general, you should defer disclosure of an invention until a desired application is filed. Some foreign countries require a patent application be filed prior to public disclosure of the invention. Thus, any disclosure of your invention, which has already occurred, might prevent you from obtaining patent protection in these countries.

3. Hourly Rates and Standard Legal Fees

For preparing, filing and prosecuting the U.S. patent application, and any patentability search work you request, my hourly rate is \$265 per hour. I charge for my time in minimum units of 0.1 hours. I charge for my time on the telephone relating to your patent matters, including calls with you or other related persons, e.g., Patent Examiners required to carry out the work.

4. Filing Fees

I may require that you advance government filing fees.

5. Costs and Other Charges

I may incur other costs and expenses in performing the legal services described above. To reduce your costs, when reasonable I will use EngineeringMatrix's assistance for drawing preparation. Other costs and expenses that will be charged to you include filing fees, claim fees and any other Patent Office fees, messenger, Federal Express and other courier delivery fees, and Express mail.

6. Fee Arrangements

My compensation shall be as defined above and below.

7. Statement

Each beginning of the month I will provide a written invoice for any fees and costs incurred the previous month. The invoice is payable upon receipt.

8. Termination

I have the right to withdraw from representation of you upon 30 day written notice to enable you to secure another attorney. You have the right to discharge me upon giving me reasonable written notice. In the event of withdrawal or termination, I shall be authorized to copy and retain a duplicate file and you shall cover the costs of duplicating the file and transferring it to another attorney designated by you.

When my services conclude, all unpaid charges will become due and payable. Also, I will, upon request, deliver to you all of your funds or property in my possession.

9. Other Services

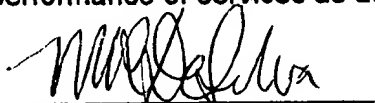
If in the future you request that I do other services, I am authorized to perform such services on the same general terms and conditions set forth in this letter and without having to again set forth in writing my billing practice or the terms of retention.

Please review this letter and confirm that the matters set forth above are acceptable to you. If they are, please sign, date and return this letter to me for my files. If you have any questions, comments or further instructions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert Moll
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I have read and understand the matters set forth in this letter and agree to them. I agree to pay the fees, costs, and expenses incurred by Robert Moll in conjunction with his performance of services as described in this letter.



Michael DeSilva
VP Business Process Development
EngineeringMatrix Corporation

Sept 18, 2000
Date: